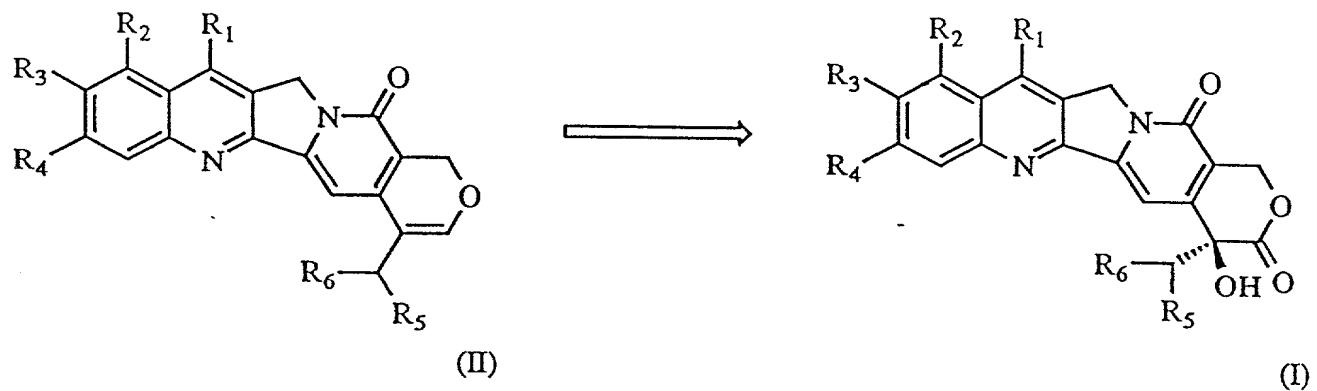


## ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a process for preparing camptothecin and camptothecin analogs of Formula (I) from compounds of Formula (II) and to novel intermediates useful in their preparation,



wherein R<sub>1</sub> to R<sub>6</sub> represent various substituents.